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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NP

SUBJECT: NEPALESE REQUEST FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR
NON-LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT

1. DURING HIS CALL ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS ON AUGUST 5, AMBASSADOR KHATRI SAID HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT TO REQUEST GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE USG FOR NON-LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT SIMILAR TO THAT PROVIDED BY THE U.S. IN THE 60'S. KHATRI MENTIONED THAT NEPAL WAS INTERESTED IN COMMUNICATION, TRANSPORT AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, HIGH ALTITUDE CLOTHING AND TENTS, AND SPARE PARTS. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION BY DUBS, KHATRI CONFIRMED THAT HMG IS INTERESTED IN A GRANT TO PURCHASE THE EQUIPMENT RATHER THAN PURCHASE THROUGH COMMERCIAL SALES. KHATRI ADDED THAT IF THE USG AGREED TO GRANT ASSISTANCE IN PRINCIPLE, THE NEPALESE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE AN ITEMIZED LIST OF THE EQUIPMENT DESIRED. DUBS SAID THAT GRANT ASSISTANCE WOULD COMPLICATE CONSIDERATION OF THE REQUEST BUT THAT WE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND BE
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BACK IN TOUCH WITH THE AMBASSADOR.

2. COMMENT: ON THE BASIS OF PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND NEPALESE OFFICIALS, WE HAD THOUGHT THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT GRANT MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS NOT

IN THE CARDS. PERHAPS THE NEPALESE ARE SIMPLY GIVING THE MATTER ANOTHER TRY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY VIEWS AND ANALYSIS THAT THE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE FOR A RENEWED CONSIDERATION OF THE NEPALESE REQUEST. HABIB

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